

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A retracting mechanism of a zoom lens barrel includes a first through third lens group moving rings; a first linear guide projection formed on the first lens group moving ring to be engaged in a linear guide slot from outside the second lens group moving ring, the first linear guide projection including a hanging groove formed therealong, a rear end of the hanging groove being closed; a second linear guide projection formed on the third lens group moving ring to be engaged in the linear guide slot from inside the second lens group moving ring; and a linear moving key projecting from a front end of the second linear guide projection to be engaged in the hanging groove. A rear moving limit of the third lens group moving ring is determined by contact of the linear moving key with the closed end of the hanging groove.